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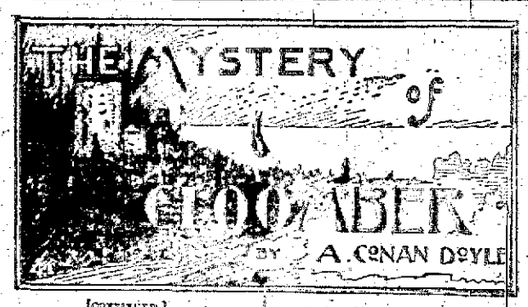

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CHAPTER XV.

THE DAY-BOOK OF JOHN HEATHERSTONE.

Thull Valley, Oct. 1, 1841.—The Fifth Bengal and the Thirty-third Queen's passed through this morning on their way to the front. Had talks with the Bengalees. Latest news from home that two attempts had been made on the Queen's life by semi-maniacs named Francis and Bean.

It promises to be a hard winter. The snow line has descended a thousand feet upon the peaks, but the passes will be open for weeks to come, and even if they were blocked, we have established so many depots in the country that Pollock and Nott will have no difficulty in holding their own. They shall not meet with the fate of Elphinstone's army. One such tragedy is enough for a century.

Elliott, of the Artillery, and I, are answerable for the safety of the communications for a distance of twenty miles or more, from the mouth of the valley to the side of the wooden bridge over the Lutar. Goodenough, of the Rifles, is responsible on the other side; and Lieutenant-Colonel Sidney Herbert, of the Engineers, has a general supervision over both sections. Our force is not strong enough for the work which has to be done. I have a company and a half of our own regiment, and a squadron of Sowars, who are of no use at all among the rocks. Elliott has three guns, but several of his men are down with the cholera, and I doubt if he has enough to serve more than two. (Note: Capricorn for cholera—tried it).

On the other hand each convoy is full-lipped, with a mane of tangled hair, and most Satanic sneer. No news of the devil to look at, hawk-nosed, usually provided with some guard of its own, though it is often absurdly inefficient. These valleys and ravines which branch out of the main pass are alive with Afreedees and Pathans, who are keen robbers as well as religious fanatics. I wonder they don't swoop down on some of our caravans. They could plunder them and get back to their mountain fastnesses before we could interfere or overtake them. Nothing but fear will restrain them. If I had my way I would hang one at the mouth of every ravine as a warning to the gang. They are personifications to-day from the front.

October 2.—I must really ask Herbert for another company at the very least. I am convinced that the communications would be cut off if any serious attack were made upon us. Now, this morning two urgent messages were sent me from two different points more than sixteen miles apart, to say that there were signs of a descent of the tribes. Elliott, with one gun and the Sowars, went to the farther ravine, while I, with the infantry, hurried to the other; but we found it was a false alarm. I saw no signs of the hillmen, and though we were greeted by a spatter of jezail bullets we were unable to capture any of the rascals. Woe betide them if they fall into my hands! I would give them as short a shift as ever a Highland cateran got from a Glasgow judge. These continued alarms may mean nothing or they may be an indication that the hillmen are maturing and have some plan in view.

We have had no news from the front for some time, but to-day a convoy of wounded came through with the intelligence that Nott had taken Ghuznee. I hope he warmed up any of the black rascals that fell into his hands. No word of Pollock. An elephant battery came up from the Punjaub, looking in a very good condition. There were several convalescents with it going up to rejoin their regiments. Knew none of them except Mostyn of the Hussars and young Blakesley, who was my fag at Charterhouse, and whom I have never seen since. Punch and cigars at Fresco up to eleven o'clock. Letters today from Willis & Co. about their little bill forwarded on from Delhi. Thought a campaign freed a man from these annoyances. Willis says in his note that since his written applications I have been in vain, he must call upon me in person. If he calls upon me now he will assuredly be the boldest and most persevering of tailors. A line from Calcutta Daisy and another from Hobhouse to say that Matilda comes in for all the money under the will. I am glad of it.

October 3.—Glorious news from the front to-day. Barclay, of the Madras Cavalry, galloped through with dispatches. Pollock entered Cabul triumphantly on the 16th of last month, and, better still, Lady Sale has been rescued by Shakespear, and brought safe into the British camp, together with the other hostages. "Te Deum laudamus!" This should end the whole wretched business—this and the sack of the city. I hope Pollock won't be squeamish, or truckle to the hysterical party at home. The town should be laid in ashes and the fields sown with salt. Above all, the Residency and the Palace must come down. So shall Burns, McNaghten, and many other gallant fellow know that his countrymen could avenge if they could not save him!

It is hard when others are gaining glory and experience to be stuck in this miserable valley. I have been out of it completely, bar a few petty skirmishes. However, we may see some service yet. A jemidar of ours brought in a hillman to-day, who says that the tribes are massing in the Terada ravine, ten miles to the north of us, and intend attacking the next convoy. We can't rely on information of this sort, but there may possibly be some truth in it. Proposed to shoot our informant, so as to prevent his playing the double traitor and reporting our proceedings. Elliott demurred. If you are making war you should throw no chance away. I hate half-and-half measures. The Children of Israel seem to have been the only people who ever carried war to its logical conclusion—except Cromwell in Ireland—and a compromise is at last by which the man is to be detained as a prisoner and executed if his information proves to be false. I only hope we get a fair chance of carrying this we can do. No doubt these fellows at the front will have C. B.'s and knighthoods showering upon them thick and fast, while we poor devils, who have had most of the responsibility and anxiety, will be passed over completely. Elliott has a whitlow. The last convoy left us a large packet of sauces, but as they forgot to leave anything to eat with them, we have handed them over to the Sowars, who drink them out of their pannikins as if they were liquors. We hear that another large convoy may be expected from the plains in the course of a day or two. Took nine to four on Cleopatra for the Calcutta Cup.

October 4.—The hillmen really mean business this time, I think. We have had two of our spies come in this morning with the same account about the gathering in the Terada quarter. That old rascal Zemaun is at the head of it, and I have recommended the Government to present him with a toll-escope to return for his neutrality! There will be no Zemaun to present it to if I can but lay hands upon him. We expect the convoy to-morrow morning, and need anticipate no attack until it comes up, for these fellows fight for plunder, not for glory, though, to do them justice, they have plenty of pluck when they get started. I have devised an excellent plan, and it has Elliott's hearty support. By Jove! if we can only manage it, it will be as pretty a ruse as ever I heard of! Our intention is to give out that we are going down the valley to meet the convoy and to block the mouth of a pass from which we profess to expect an attack. Very good. We shall make a night march to-night and reach their camp. Once there I shall conceal my two hundred men in the wagons and travel up with the convoy again. Our friends the enemy having heard that we intended to go south, and seeing the caravan going north without us, will naturally swoop down upon it under the impression that we are twenty miles away. We shall teach them a lesson that they would as soon think of stopping a thunderbolt as of interfering again with one of Her Britannic Majesty's provision trains. I am all on thorns to be off.

Elliott has rigged up two of his guns so ingeniously that they look more like costermonger's barrows than anything else. To see artillery ready for action in the convoy might arouse suspicion. The artillerymen will be in the wagons near the guns, all ready to clamber and open fire. Infantry in front and rear. Have told our confidential and discreet Sepoy servants the plan which we do not intend to adopt. N. B.—If you wish a thing to be noised over a whole province always whisper it under a vow of secrecy to your confidential native servant.

5:45 p. m.—Just starting for the convoy. May luck go with us!

October 5.—Seven o'clock in the evening. In triumphe! Crown us with laurel—Elliott and myself! Who can compare with us as vermin killers? I have only just got back, tired and weary, stained with blood and dust, but I have sat down before either washing or changing to have the satisfaction of seeing our deeds set forth in black and white—if only in my private log for no eye but my own. I shall describe it all fully as a preparation for our official account, which must be drawn up when Elliott gets back. Billy Dawson used to say that there were three degrees of comparison—a prevarication, a lie, and an official account. We at least cannot exaggerate our success, for it would be impossible to add anything to it.

We set out then, as per programme, and came upon the camp near the head of the valley. They had two weak companies of the 54th with them who might no doubt have held their own with warning, but an unexpected rush of wild hillmen is a very difficult thing to stand against. With our reinforcement, however, and on our guard, we might defy the rascals. Chamberlain was in command—a fine young fellow. We soon made him understand the situation, and were all ready for a start by daybreak, though his wagons were so full that we were compelled to leave several tons of fodder behind in order to make room for my Sepoys and for the artillery. About five o'clock we inspanned, to the jingling of Africanders, and by six we were well on our way, with our escort as straggling and unconcerned as possible—as helpless-looking a caravan as ever invited attack.

I could see that it was to be no false alarm this time, and that the tribes really meant business. From my post of observation under the canvas screen of one of the wagons I could make out turbaned heads popping up to have a look at us from among the rocks, and an occasional scout hurrying northward with the news of our approach. It was not, however, until we came abreast of the Terada Pass, a gloomy defile bounded by gigantic cliffs, that the Afreedees began to show in force, though they had ambushed themselves so cleverly that had we not been keenly on the lookout for them, we might have walked right into the trap. As it was, the convoy halted, upon which the hillmen seeing that they were observed, opened a heavy but ill-directed fire upon us. I had asked Chamberlain to throw out his men in skirmishing order, and give them directions to retreat slowly upon the wagons so as to draw the Afreedees on. The ruse succeeded to perfection. As the redcoats steadily retired, keeping behind cover as much as possible, the enemy followed them up with yells of exultation, springing from rock to rock, waving their jezails in the air, and howling like a pack of demons. With their black, contorted, mocking faces, their lean gestures, and their fluttering garments, they would have made a study for any painter who wished to portray Milton's conception of the army of the damned. From every side they pressed in until seeing, as they thought, nothing between them and victory, they left the shelter of the rocks and came rushing down, a confused howling throng with the green flame of the Prophet in their rear. Now was our chance, and gloriously we utilized it. From every wagon and nib of the wagons came a blaze of fire, every shot of which told among the close-packed mob. Two or three score rolled over like rabbits and the rest reeled for a moment, and then, with their chiefs at their head, came on again in a magnificent rush. It was useless, however, for undisciplined men to attempt to face such a well-directed fire. The leaders were bowled over, and the others, after hesitating for a few moments, turned and made for the rocks. It was our turn now to assume the offensive. The guns were unlimbered, and grape poured into them, while our little infantry force advanced at the double, shooting and stabbing all whom they overtook. Never have I known the tide of battle to turn so rapidly and so decisively. The sullen retreat became a flight, and the flight a panic-stricken rout, until there was nothing left of the tribesmen except a scattered demoralized rabble flying wildly to their native fastness for shelter and protection.

I was by no means inclined to let them off cheaply now that I had them in my power. On the contrary, I determined to teach them such a lesson that the sight of a single scarlet uniform would in future be a passport in itself. We followed hard upon the track of the fugitives and entered the Terada defile at their very heels. Having detached Chamberlain and Elliott with a company on either side to protect my wings, I pushed on with my Sepoys and a handful of artillerymen, giving them no time to rally or to recover themselves. We were so handicapped, however, by our stiff European uniforms and by our want of practice in climbing, that we should have been unable to overtake any of the mountaineers had it not been for a fortunate accident. There is a smaller ravine which opens into the main pass, and in their hurry and confusion some of the fugitives rushed down this. I saw sixty or seventy of them turn down, but I should have passed them by and continued in pursuit of the main body had not one of my scouts come rushing up to inform me that the smaller ravine was a cul-de-sac, and that the Afreedees who had gone up it had no possible means of getting out again except by putting their way through our ranks. Here was an opportunity of striking terror into the tribes. Leaving Chamberlain and Elliott to continue the pursuit of the main body, I wheeled my Sepoys into the narrow pass and proceeded slowly down it in extended order, covering the whole ground from cliff to cliff. Not a jezail could have passed us unseen. The rebels were caught like rats in a trap.

The defile in which we found ourselves was the most gloomy and majestic that I have ever seen. On either side naked precipices rose sheer up for a thousand feet or more, converging upon each other so as to leave a very narrow slit of daylight above us, which was further reduced by the feathery fringe of palm trees and aloes which hung over each lip of the chasm. The cliffs were not more than a couple of hundred yards apart at the entrance, but as we advanced they grew nearer and nearer, until a half company in close order could hardly march abreast. A sort of twilight reigned in this strange valley, and the dim, uncertain light made the great basalt rocks loom up vague and fantastic. There was no path, and the ground was most uneven, but I pushed on briskly, cautioning my fellows to have their fingers on their triggers, for I could see that we were nearing the point where the two cliffs would form an acute angle with each other.

At last we came in sight of the place. A great pile of boulders were heaped up at the very end of the pass, and among these our fugitives were skulking, entirely demoralized apparently, and incapable of resistance. They were useless as prisoners, and it was out of the question to let them go, so there was no choice but to polish them off. Waving my sword, I was leading my men on, when we had a most dramatic interruption of a sort which I have seen once or twice on the boards of Drury Lane, but never in real life.

In the side of the cliff, close to the pile of stones where the hillmen were making their last stand, there was a cave which looked more like the lair of some wild beast than a human habitation. Out of this dark archway there suddenly emerged an old man—such a very, very old man that all the other veterans whom I have seen were as chickens compared to him. His hair and beard were both as white as snow, and each reached more than half way to his waist. His face was wrinkled and brown and bony, a cross between a monkey and a mummy, and so thin and emaciated were his shrivelled limbs that you would hardly have given him credit for having any vitality left; were it not for his eyes, which glittered and sparkled with excitement, like two diamonds in a setting of mahogany. This apparition came rushing out of the cave, and, throwing himself between the fugitives and our fellows, motioned us back with as imperious a sweep of the hand as ever an emperor used to his slaves.

"Men of blood," he cried, in a voice of thunder, speaking excellent English, too—"this is a place for prayer and meditation, not for murder. Desist, lest the wrath of the gods fall upon you."

"Stand aside, old man," I shouted. "You will meet with a hurt if you don't get out of the way." I could see that the hillmen were taking heart, and that some of my Sepoys were flinching, as if they did not relish this new enemy. Clearly, I must act promptly if I wished to complete our success. I dashed forward at the head of the white artillerymen who had stuck to me. The old fellow rushed at us with his arms out as if to stop us; but it was no time to stick at trifles, so I passed my sword through his body at the same moment that one of the gunners brought his carbine down upon his head. He dropped instantly, and the hillmen, at the sight of his fall, set up the most unearthly howl of horror and consternation. The Sepoys, who had been inclined to hang back, came on again the moment he was dispatched, and it did not take us long to consummate our victory. Hardly a man of the enemy got out of the defile alive. What could Hannibal or Caesar have done more? Our own loss in the whole affair has been insignificant—three killed and about fifteen wounded. Got their banner, a green wisp of a thing with a sentence of the Koran engraved upon it.

I looked, after the action, for the old chap, but his body had disappeared, though how or whither I have no conception. His blood be upon his own head! He would be alive now if he had not interfered, as the constables say at home, "with an officer in the execution of his duty." The scouts all me that his name was Ghoolab Shah, and that he was one of the highest and holiest of the Buddhists. He had great fame in the district as a prophet and worker of miracles—hence the *hubbub* when he was cut down. They tell me that he was living in this very cave when Tamerlane passed this way in 1397 with a lot more bosh of the sort. I went into the cave, and how any man could live in it a week is a mystery to me, for it was little more than four feet high, and as damp and dismal a grotto as ever was seen. A wooden settle and a rough table were the sole furniture, with a lot of parchment scrolls covered with hieroglyphics. Well, he has gone where he will learn that the gospel of peace and good-will is superior to all his Pagan lore. Peace go with him!

Elliott and Chamberlain never caught the main body—I know they wouldn't—so the honors of the day rest with me. I ought to get a step for it, anyhow, and perhaps, who knows? some mention in the Gazette. What a lucky chance! I think Zemaun deserves his telescope after all for giving it to me. Shall have something to eat now, for I am half starved. Glory is an excellent thing, but you cannot live upon it.

October 6, 11 a. m.—Let me try to set down as calmly and accurately as I can all that occurred last night. I have never been a dreamer or a visionary, so I can rely upon my own senses, though I am bound to say that if any other fellow had told me the same thing I should have doubted him. I might even have suspected that I was deceived at the time had I not heard the bell since. However, I must narrate what happened.

Elliott was in my tent with me having a quiet cheroot until about ten o'clock. I then walked the rounds with my jemidar, and having seen that all was right I turned in a little before eleven. I was just dropping off to sleep, for I was dog-tired after the day's work, when I was roused by some slight noise, and, looking round, I saw a man dressed in Asiatic costume standing at the entrance of my tent. He was motionless when I saw him, and had his eyes fixed upon me with a solemn and stern expression. My first thought was that the fellow was some Ghazi or Afghan fanatic who had stolen in with the intention of stabbing me, and with this idea in my mind I had all the will to spring from my couch and defend myself, but the power was unaccountably lacking. An overpowering languor and want of energy possessed me. Had I seen the dagger descending upon my breast I could not have made an effort to avert it. I suppose a bird when it is under the influence of a snake feels very much as I did in the presence of this gloomy-faced stranger. My mind was clear enough, but my body was as torpid as though I were still asleep. I shut my eyes once or twice and tried to persuade myself that the whole thing was a delusion, but every time that I opened them there was the man still regarding me with the same stony, menacing stare. The silence became unendurable. I felt that I must overcome my languor so far as to address him. I am not a nervous man, and I never knew before what Virgil meant when he wrote "audentes fortuna juvat." At last I managed to stammer out a few words, asking the intruder who he was and what he wanted.

"Lieutenant Heatherstone," he answered, speaking slowly and gravely, "you have committed this day the foulest sacrilege and the greatest crime which it is possible for man to do. You have slain one of the thrice blessed and reverent ones, an arch adept of the first degree, an elder brother who has trod the highest path for more years than you have numbered months. You have cut him off at a time when his labors promised to reach a climax and when he was about to attain a height of occult knowledge which would have brought man one step nearer to the Creator. All this you have done without excuse, without provocation, at a time when he was pleading the cause of the helpless and distressed. Listen now to me, John Heatherstone."

"When first the occult sciences were pursued many thousands of years ago, it was found by the learned that the short tenure of human existence was too limited to allow a man to attain the loftiest heights of inner life. The inquirers of those days directed their energies in the first place, therefore, to the lengthening of their own days in order that they might have more scope for improvement. By their knowledge of the secret laws of Nature they were enabled to fortify their bodies against disease and old age. It only remained to protect themselves against the assaults of wicked and violent men who are ever ready to destroy what is wiser and nobler than themselves. There was no direct means by which this protection could be effected, but it was in some measure attained by arranging the occult forces in such a way that a terrible and unavoidable retribution should await the offender. It was irrevocably ordained by laws which cannot be reversed that any one who should shed the blood of a brother who had attained a certain degree of sanctity should be a doomed man. Those laws are extant to this day, John Heatherstone, and you have placed yourself in their power. King or emperor would be helpless before the forces which you have called into play. What hope, then, is there for you?

"In former days these laws acted as instantaneously that the slayer perished with his victim. It was judged afterward that this prompt retribution prevented the offender from having time to realize the enormity of his offense. It was therefore ordained that in all such cases the retribution should be left in the hands of the chelas, or immediate disciples of the holy man, with power to extend or shorten it at their will, exacting it either at the time or at any future anniversary of the day when the crime was committed. Why punishment should come on those days only it does not concern you to know. Suffice it that you are the murderer of Ghoolab Shah, the three blessed, and that I am the senior of his three chelas commissioned to avenge his death.

"It is no personal matter between us. Amid our studies we have no leisure or inclination for personal matters. It is an immutable law, and it is as impossible for us to relax it as it is for you to escape from it. Sooner or later we shall come to you and claim your life in atonement for the one which you have taken. The same fate shall be meted out to the wretched soldier, Smith, who, though less guilty than yourself, has incurred the same penalty by raising his sacrilegious hand against the chosen of Buddha. If your life is prolonged it is merely that you may have time to repent of your misdeed and to feel the full force of your punishment. And lest you should be tempted to cast it out of your mind and to forget it, our bell—our astral bell, the use of which is one of our occult secrets—shall ever remind you of what has been and what is to be. You shall hear it by day and you shall hear it by night and it will be a sign to you that, do what you may and go where you will, you can never shake yourself clear of the cholas of Ghoolab Shah. You will never see me more, accursed one, until the day when we come for you. Live in fear, and in that anticipation which is worse than death." With a menacing wave of the hand the figure turned and swept out of my tent into the darkness.

The instant that the fellow disappeared from my sight I recovered from the lethargy which had fallen upon me. Springing to my feet, I rushed to the opening and looked out. A Sepoy sentry was standing leaning upon his musket, a few paces off.

"You dog," I said in Hindustani, "what do you mean by letting people disturb me in this way?"

The man stared at me in amazement. "Has any one disturbed the Sahib?" he asked.

"This instant—this moment. You must have seen him pass out of my tent."

"Surely the Burra Sahib is mistaken," the man answered, respectfully but firmly. "I have been here for an hour and no one has passed from the tent."

Puzzled and disconcerted, I was sitting by the side of my couch wondering whether the whole thing was a delusion, brought on by the nervous excitement of our skirmish, when a new marvel overtook me. From over my head there suddenly sounded a sharp, tinkling sound, like that produced by an empty glass when flipped by the nail, only louder and more intense. I looked up, but nothing was to be seen. I examined the whole interior of the tent carefully, but without discovering any cause for the strange sound. At last worn out with fatigue, I gave the mystery up, and throwing myself upon the couch was soon fast asleep. When I awoke this morning I was inclined to put the whole of my yesterday night's experience down to imagination, but I was soon disabused of the idea, for I had hardly risen before the same strange sound was repeated in my very ear as loudly, and to all appearance as causelessly, as before. What it is or where it comes from I cannot conceive. I have not heard it since. Can the fellow's threats have something in them and this be the warning bell of which he spoke? Surely it is impossible. Yet his manner was indescribably impressive. I have tried to set down what he said as accurately as I can, but I fear I have omitted a good deal. What is to be the end of this strange affair? I must go in for a course of religion and holy water. Not a word to Chamberlain or Elliott. They tell me I am looking like a ghost this morning.

Evening.—Have managed to compare notes with Gunner Rufus Smith of the Artillery, who knocked the old fellow over with the butt of his gun. His experience has been the same as mine. He has heard the sound too. What is the meaning of it all? My brain is in a whirl.

October 10 (four days later).—God help us!

This last laconic entry terminated the journal. It seemed to me that coming as it did after four days' complete silence it told a clearer tale of a shaken nerve and a broken spirit than could any more elaborate narrative. Pinned on to the journal was a supplementary statement which had evidently been recently added by the general.

"From that day to this," it said, "I have had no night or day free from the intrusion of that dreadful sound with its accompanying train of thought. Time and custom have brought me no relief, but, on the contrary, as the years pass over my head my physical strength decreases and my nerves become less able to bear up against the continual strain. I am a broken man in mind and body. I live in a state of tension, always straining my ears for the hated sound, afraid to converse with my fellows for fear of exposing my dreadful condition to them, with no comfort or hope of comfort on this side of the grave. I should be willing, Heaven knows, to die, and yet as each 5th of October comes round, I am prostrated with fear because I do not know what strange and terrible experience may be in store for me. Forty years have passed since I slew Ghoolab Shah, and forty times have I gone through all the horrors of death, without attaining the blessed peace which lies beyond. I have no means of knowing in what shape my fate will come upon me. I have immured myself in this lonely country, and surrounded myself with barriers, because in my weaker moments my instincts urge me to take some steps for self-protection, but I know well in my heart how futile it all is. They must come quickly now, for I grow old, and Nature will forestall them unless they make haste.

"I take credit to myself that I have kept my hands off the prussic acid or opium bottle. It has always been in my power to checkmate my occult persecutors in that way, but I have ever held that a man in this world cannot desert his post until he has been relieved in due course by the authorities. I have no scruples, however, about exposing myself to danger, and during the Sikh and Sepoy wars I did all that a man could do to court death. He passed me by, however, and picked out many a young fellow to whom life was only opening and who had everything to live for, while I survived to win crosses and honors which had lost all relish for me. Well, well, those things cannot depend upon chance, and there is no doubt some deep reason for it all. One compensation Providence has made me in the shape of a true and faithful wife, to whom I told my dreadful secret before the wedding, and who nobly consented to share my lot. She has lifted half the burden from my shoulders, but with the effect, poor soul, of crushing her own life beneath its weight. My children, too, have been a comfort to me. Mordaunt knows all, by nearly all. Gerbrig we have endeavored to keep in the dark, though we cannot prevent her from knowing that there is something amiss. I should like this statement to be shown to Dr. John Easterling, of Strasraer. He heard on one occasion this haunting sound. My and experience may show him that I spoke the truth when I said that there was much knowledge in the world which has never found its way to England yet.

J. B. Heatherstone.

It was going out for dawn by the time that I had finished this extraordinary narrative, to which my sister and Mordaunt Heatherstone listened with the most absorbed attention. Already we could see through the window that the stars had begun to fade, a gray light to appear in the east

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E. B. SHERMAN,
of Bradford.

THE REPUBLICAN will be justified in calling the ticket this fall. Vote the ticket straight.

HANNA in usual comes to the front with a plurality of 37,000 for governor and returns his four able congressmen to the lower house.

GEN. JAMES A. BEAVER of Chicago was elected commander-in-chief of the National Association, G. A. R., at Cincinnati last week. Philadelphia was selected for the next national encampment.

EVERY foreign paper that has commented on the war with Spain credits this government with good military management and remarkable success. The contrary view in this country is merely partisan.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE Post Allegany Reporter says: "Thos. Dempsey and Richmond accepted the nominations for assembly on Quay caliber was clasped to their breasts and they dare not remove the yoke." So far as Mr. Richmond is concerned this statement is absolutely false. He is not committed to Quay or any other man. What Mr. Dempsey's position is we have no means of knowing, having had no conversation with him on the subject.—Kane Republican.

LATE Sunday the Empress of Austria, while traveling incognito with her suite, was fatally murdered, by an Italian anarchist at Geneva, Switzerland, while going from her hotel to the boat on which she was about to embark. The assassin is known as Louis Luccheni, who has led a vagabond's existence, claiming never to have known either father or mother. She walked 150 feet after the knife had penetrated her heart three and a half inches.

OUR able congressman, Hon. C. W. Stone, has made a record in the lower house of congress that every Republican in the 27th district can justly feel proud of. As a statesman he is without a superior in that body. He is in perfect sympathy with the national administration and will be found an able leader in shaping national affairs that are liable to arise over our late misunderstanding with Spain. Republicans can be it that Hon. C. W. Stone is entrusted with an increased majority.

THE CAMPAIGN.

In the present uproar four candidates for the legislature are running—Pegram and Berring on the Democratic and Richmond and Dempsey on the Republican ticket. In speaking of the Republican candidates it is not our purpose to exalt one at the sacrifice of the other, but it cannot be deemed partial or disloyal if, for the present, we make especial mention of Mr. Richmond who is our own home candidate. Mr. Richmond was born in Smethport May 26, 1860, and his whole life has been identified with McKean county and its interests. He graduated from the law college at Lawrence, Kansas, in 1882 and after a brief sojourn in the western States returned to Smethport to practice his profession. Since opening his office here he has constantly grown in legal culture and professional standing, gathering around him a large clientage of able and prominent business men until now his practice is second to none in the borough of Smethport. In learning, integrity and ability he ranks with the best of our lawyers of the bar and commands the confidence of our entire community.

IT is eminently right that such a gentleman should represent us in the legislature. We need such men to conduct our legislation. Fools and hasters can chop good laws, but fools and hasters cannot make good laws. Legislators, like all other organizations, may degenerate in mental power or in moral character. It is the duty of the people to see that they shall not be composed of cunning and corrupt elements. It is not the cunning, not the heedless, not the unduly politician who can tie and pull the wires of trickery who can best serve the people in legislative halls; but the men of earnest purpose and of steady heads, quick enough to detect corruption or injustice and brave enough to thwart its consummation into law. Such a character, we are proud to say, we have in the person of Mr. Richmond, and he deserves the support of every honest voter in the district.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, 1898.

President McKinley doesn't believe that the war was badly managed. On the contrary he knows that it was, as a whole, well managed; so well managed as to surprise the world by the results accomplished in an incredibly short time. He has no idea that the most thorough investigation of the conduct of the war will uncover any mysterious evil, or that it is necessary to find a scape goat for some great wrong. But he does believe that a dignified, dispassionate and scientific inquiry, made by men of broad-gauge minds and accomplishments, will be valuable in showing up some weak spots in our present system of running the quartermaster, commissary and medical departments of the army—a system intrenched in laws that right or wrong, under existing conditions, must be carried out until the laws are changed. In other words, that a thorough inquiry will result in pointing out the changes that should be made to improve the system. It was because of this belief that President McKinley concluded to order the inquiry made that was requested by Secretary Alger. The commission entrusted with the duty of making this inquiry will be composed of men who are widely known and whose findings will be accepted by the entire country. Generals Miles and Shafter, who are both in Washington, say they will welcome the closest scrutiny of their every act, and the same sentiments are expressed by Best Gen. Sternberg and Gen. Eagan, head of the commissary department. The latter is so confident that his department is all right that he says he wishes the President would have the inquiry made entirely by his political opponents.

Owing to the rapidity with which money is accumulating in the treasury Secretary Gage has notified the holders of the old currency "silver" which will be payable Jan. 1, next, of his willingness to redeem them whenever presented. There are about $14,000,000 outstanding in these bonds. He has also offered to anticipate the October interest on the four per cent. bonds. It will be the special aim of Secretary Gage to see that the money is got back into circulation fast enough to prevent any disturbance in business circles.

Gov. Shaw of Iowa came to Washington to see about getting the volunteers from his State mustered out, but the matter had been determined before his arrival, by the decision of the War Department to order out one-half of the troops from each State. In reply to a question as to the political outlook in his State, Gov. Shaw said: "The political situation in Iowa is about as satisfactory to the Republicans as they could wish. An election is to be held in November for State Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General and two members of the Supreme Court, and the verdict will be in favor of the Republican ticket by a rousing majority. Our State convention this year adopted about the most emphatic sound money plank that has been promulgated anywhere." Representative Conaine, who was with Gov. Shaw, said the State would send a solid Republican Congressional delegation, as a matter of course.

Commissioner Evans has issued a statement in answer to the charge made by Kansas Populists that his administration of the Pension Bureau was harsh and unjust. He shows that the average number of pensions allowed under him has been much higher than under his predecessor and the average number of rejections much lower, a showing which would not be possible if the charge was true. One source of grumbling has been that Commissioner Evans has, from the day he assumed office, given applications for original pensions precedence over applications for an increase, on the ground that those who had no pension should be waited upon before those who had a pension that they wished increased, but no amount of grumbling can make that an unjust policy.

The five American Peace Commissioners—Secretary Day, Senators Davis, Frye and Gray and Hon. Whitelaw Reid—will hold a conference with President McKinley this week for the purpose of receiving their instructions. They are to sail from New York on the 17th inst. No official announcement has been made or will be made of what demand this government will make, but there is a strong belief in Washington, that so far as the Philippines is concerned, it will be confined to the absolute possession of the island of Luzon, the largest and most prosperous of the group, and the establishment of a guaranteed fair government for the rest of the islands, with open ports for commerce. While the President will tell the commissioners what he thinks the treaty should contain, he will not insist on their attempting to secure precisely that, being perfectly willing for them to act as in their discretion they may deem best, having absolute confidence that they will not agree to anything that will not be approved by the country and by himself.

SPAIN may be right in wanting the ashes of Christopher Columbus taken back to that country. There's no particular comfort in remembering the Cristobal Colon.—Philadelphia Times. Certainly, take them back. We have got the island, Spain can have the ashes.

THE unwashed and unterrified opened a boodle campaign in Bradford last night. All their heavy guns were present, including their candidate for governor, George A. Jenks. They had their usual glorification, taken from a Democratic standpoint.

Remarkable Escape.

Mrs. Michael Certain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; does her own housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Large bottles 50c and $1.00.

From an Old Soldier.

KNOX, Ind., Jan. 11, 1897.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1898,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendant's interest in all and singular the right, interest, privileges, immunities and franchises of the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company including the franchises to be a corporation whether now possessed or hereafter exercised by the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company and used or enjoyed in connection with said company, together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments belonging and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof and all the estate, title and interest whatsoever as well at law as in equity of the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company of, in and to the same and every and singular the lands, real estate and premises of the said Lafayette Manufacturing Company, the party of the first part particularly described as follows, that is to say:

First—All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a hemlock and the southwest corner of Warrant No. 3903; thence east on warrant line ten hundred and [illegible] rods to a post; thence north one hundred and seventy-two and six-tenths (172 6-10) perches to a small birch; thence east one hundred and four and six-tenths (104 6-10) perches to a post; thence south one hundred and sixty-four and four-tenths (164 4-10) perches to a post; thence west two hundred and thirty and six-tenths (230 6-10) perches to a post; thence south one hundred and forty-seven and eight-tenths (147 8-10) perches to a post; thence along lots Nos. 2 and 3 one hundred and fifty and eight-tenths (150 8-10) perches to a post, the place of beginning. Containing forty (40) acres, strict measure be the same more or less, and being lot No. 1 of the survey aforesaid and a part of Warrant Nos. 3903, 3208, 3204 and 2247, being same premises described in deed by R. F. Miller to Charles S. Whitney et. al., dated 1st, 1897, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 7, page 561, saving, excepting and reserving nevertheless from the above described premises into the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns forever all petroleum or rock oil in or under said above described land, together with sufficient natural gas for use in developing and producing said oil and all mineral rights to the said above described land and mill-seat thereon from said above described land with the rights that may be erected thereon. Together with all oil wells now upon said above described land, with its rigs, boilers, engines, tanks, casing, tubing, pipe, fittings, fixtures and appurtenances to said wells belonging. Also together with all buildings now erected upon said above described land and so together with all rights of way and entry in, over and across the said above described land for the full and proper enjoyment of the several exceptions and reservations hereinbefore excepted and reserved to the said Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns. Partly improved and having thereon one two-story frame house and barn occupied by—Tibbitts

Third—All the following described tracts or parcels of land situate in the township of Lafayette in the county of McKean in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, viz: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of Warrant No. 2253; thence westerly to the southeasterly corner of a lot of land conveyed by John Wilkinson and Leeman K. Plimpton to John Arnot of Elmira in the state of New York, being a part of Warrant No. 3857; thence northerly by line of said Arnot lot fifty (50) perches; thence westerly by the northerly line of said Arnot lot ninety-six (96) rods; thence southerly fifty (50) rods to the southwest corner of said Arnot lot; thence westerly to the southeasterly corner of lot No. 64 of the King-Indy survey; thence northerly by the easterly line of lot No. 64 one hundred and two (102) perches more or less to the northeasterly corner of said lot No. 64; thence westerly by the northerly line of said lot No. 64 and lot No. 65 of said survey one hundred and one (101) rods more or less to the southeasterly corner of lot No. 67; thence northerly by easterly line of lot No. 67 one hundred and fifty-six (156) rods more or less to the southwesterly corner of lot No. 69; thence easterly by southerly line of lot No. 69 to lands of Robert Evans; thence easterly by southerly line said Evans land to the southeast corner thereof; thence northerly by easterly line of said Evans lot and land of William G. Brown to a point in the southeasterly line of lot No. 81 about fifty-seven (57) rods more or less southwesterly from the southwest corner of lot No. 47; thence by southwesterly line of said Brown's land to the southwest corner of lot No. 81 on the town-ship line of Bradford and Lafayette; thence southerly by said township line of Bradford and Lafayette one hundred and forty-six (146) rods more or less to the northeast corner of land of William Foster; thence southerly by line of said William Foster's land to a point in the north line of land of Jacob Lewis; thence westerly one hundred and fifty-two (152) rods to the northwest corner of said Lewis lot; thence southerly by westerly line of said lot one hundred (100) rods more or less to the southwest corner of said Lewis lot; thence westerly thirty-one (31) rods more or less to the southerly line of said lot; thence northwesterly by said lands of said Lewis and William Foster to the southerly line of Allen Foster's land; thence easterly by line of said Allen Foster's lands in Warrant number 3870 to the highway leading from Bradford to Lafayette; thence southerly and northeasterly by said highway to the place of beginning. Containing two thousand five hundred and eighty-three (2583) acres more or less, being the same premises described in deed from Thomas Whitney and Samuel A. Wheeler to Charles S. Whitney, his heirs and assigns. Partly improved and having thereon one two-story board house and barn occupied by—Tibbitts

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, SEPT. 16, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read J. Colegrove's advertisement.

—Sheriff Davis has a continued story in the MINER to run three weeks.

—Owing to Judge Olmsted's illness the bond stand case was continued.

—Thomas Camp has moved into the Rogers residence on King street.

—Mr. John Forrest, on Tuesday, presented his wife with a magnificent Bret piano.

—The colored people of Olean celebrated emancipation day at Riverhurst yesterday.

—A large delegation of Smethport people attended the funeral of Hon. A. T. Barden at Eldred Sunday.

—Grass and weeds along the sidewalks should be cut. The street commissioner should see that it is done at once.

—The Olean District Conference convenes at Cuba, N. Y., Sept. 19th, instead of Sept. 12th as previously announced.

—"Jack Frost" has been busy for a few nights back in getting the forest foliage into proper shape to suit his artistic taste.

—Ed. Hungerford's bright little boy has been suffering with cholera infantum for a few days but is better at this writing.

—Fires will be started in the new glass plant at Hazelhurst next Saturday and on the 15th of October they will begin to blow glass.

—"Rocket" Stickles gives you a few reasons why you should trade with him, in a new advertisement in this issue. Read it carefully.

—Chas. Lemmler has a new advertisement on the first page this week and tells you about his stock of trunks, etc. Be sure to read it.

—The store of H. W. Rubin & Co. will close to-night at 6 o'clock and remain closed until Monday morning, account of the Jewish New Year.

—D. C. Young is having a large silo built on his large farm at Larabee. This without doubt will be the largest silo to be found in this section.

—Last Wednesday Justice B. B. Knapp and Comrade Patton draped the door knob in memory of their dead 1st assistant foreman, E. M. Kerns.

—The barn of S. P. Holcomb of Marvin creek was entered on Wednesday night and a fine pair of horse blankets, buggy whip and a pack measure were stolen.

—Wm. Hanley of Bradford was over Wednesday and was awarded the contract by the county commissioners of repairing the foundations of some of the poor farm buildings.

—At a meeting of the committee on the nomination of officers for the local Athletic League it was voted to adjourn until Saturday evening, Sept. 17, at 7:45 when an organization will be perfected.

—It is probable that Eve always blamed Adam because she couldn't have a church wedding.—Warren Mail. Well, what's the difference, they took a wedding tour after partaking of the apple dumpling.

—The Westfield Free Press claims that Atwell's oil well at Galeton is causing considerable surprise in that section. It is proving better than at first noted which was 5 barrels. Runs it is claimed it will reach almost 10 barrels. Experts who [illegible]

—Mr. Hartman Bowman, who has been employed on the Bradford Era for the past year, has severed his connection with that paper and has accepted a position on the Bradford Star. Mr. Bowman is a good printer and a hustler and will make a success of his new position.

—Last Sunday, while Gilbert's men were bringing the stranded logs lying along Potato creek to the mill, Bardette Hall fell in between two logs where the water was about ten feet deep and being unable to swim came very near drowning. His companions had considerable difficulty in extricating Mr. Hall from a watery grave. But they finally succeeded in bringing him ashore, nearly exhausted. It was a very fortunate escape.

—The glass plant last Sunday was a great attraction for many of our townspeople. The main furnace was quite warm, only 2,700 degrees, and was using gas at the rate of 210 feet per minute. When all the ovens are heated it will require about 119,000,000 feet per annum or the time a plant usually runs. Our gas company have quite an undertaking to supply this great demand and it will require the drilling of many holes.

—Farmers who have a quantity of potatoes ought to try an experiment that used to be in vogue years ago when cellars were not as common as they are now. In earlier days farmers used to bury their potatoes in the ground, and how mealy and sweet they were when taken out in the spring. Potatoes kept in a warm cellar lose all their natural taste, become soggy and watery. Farmers, try the experiment; bury a few and see how delicious they will be in the spring.

—Hayes Heath, being a truthful man and not given to yarning, here is what he says about an incident that occurred at Ridgway during the Firemen's convention: Rooms being scarce at the hotels he was moved about wherever it was most convenient. The last night he occupied a couch in the parlor where several ladies who had no room were seated. A man got out on the veranda of the hotel and imagined he was in his room about to retire. Soon his stomach began to trouble him, and not liking to soil his room, he very considerately raised the window and pushing his head inside performed the Jonah and whale act much to the surprise of the occupants of the parlor.

—Hon. Abram T. Barden, one of Eldred's most honored citizens, passed away on Thursday of last week. For a period of three years the deceased had been in rather poor health. The direct cause of his death was a general breaking down of the system, followed by acute stomach and liver troubles. A loving wife and three sons, F. E., E. A. and H. E. Barden, are left to mourn his departure. The deceased was born in Broome county, N. Y., on April 16, 1826, and came with his parents to Eldred township in 1836. For a time after reaching man's estate he was engaged in lumbering. In 1853 he engaged in the mercantile business, which he had continued ever since. He has held various offices of trust and at one time was associate judge of the county. At the ripe age of 72 years he bids adieu to earthly cares and goes to a final rest.

—Mr. W. L. Cooper has retired from the newspaper business and hereafter the Bradford Sunday Herald will be conducted by Mrs. Ada Cable, Mr. Richard J. Murray and Mr. P. D. Loughlin. The paper will be independent in politics and just as brisk locally as it ever was. The Sunday Herald has the same telegraphic news service that the Era prints and is therefore a successful publication.—Bradford Era. Considering the fact that Prof. Cooper has only been in the newspaper business four years and accumulated enough of the filthy lucre during that time to become the possessor of a good paying gas well with a large leased territory adjacent, he is certainly not in need of sympathy, but is to be congratulated. To the new editress the MINER gives hearty welcome and hopes that her new venture may prove both pleasant and profitable.

—The confirmation services at St. Luke's church on Tuesday night were most impressive. There were seventeen in the class ranged about the altar. When Bishop Whitehead laid his hands upon each candidate and invoked divine blessing, the candidates and the entire audience were deeply impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. The music was sublime. Miss Alice McCoy sang the solos in Mendelssohn's "Hear my Prayer" and all who heard her unite in saying that she excelled all former efforts; when the choir joined in the chorus St. Luke's church rang with their finely blended voices as it never rang before. On Wednesday Miss Agnes McCoy sang the soprano solos in the anthem at the morning service and in the festal Magnificat at evensong. The solo part in the brilliant anthem, "Miriam's Song," was sung by Miss Alice McCoy.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harley returned Saturday evening from an eventful trip to the Klondike gold regions. They left Bradford for Dawson City last February and made the perilous trip from Seattle to Juneau and over the Skagway Pass to Dawson City without accident. They remained in that city for over a month, and during that time both were in bad health. Mr. Harley was advised by Dawson physicians to leave that part of the country, and he concluded that he would return to Bradford. He was disgusted with the country and its prospects of making fortunes and thinks its output of gold is largely over estimated. Thousands of argonauts are coming back to the United States as fast as transportation facilities will permit and all share in the unfavorable opinion of the Bradford couple. Mr. Harley says Cal. Matson, Nate Wells and Earl Emery are on their way home.—Era.

—Tuesday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock three boys, Michael and Andrew Richel, aged 4 and 7, and Michael Kedravi, aged 5, went bathing in Kettle creek, under the B. & S. E. R. bridge. At this point two streams come together, causing a little whirlpool, and it is supposed that they were drawn into the current and being unable to help themselves went down to death. It was about 2:15 when Mr. William Leibhardt, who was on a passing train, noticed a white object under the water, and upon closer investigation found it to be the older Richel boy. Someone suggested that the little fellow's clothes be found. They were lying on the gravel under the bridge, along with two other suits. It was evident from this that two companions were also in the water, as was proved when the little bodies were fished out. It was about 2:30 when the first body was taken from the water.—Cross Fork News.

—There are many acres of land planted with potatoes in McKean and adjoining counties where the crop is a total failure this year, owing to the drought and extremely hot weather during the summer. Here is a suggestion to the tillers of the soil: When potato planting comes around another year select a piece of good sod ground, turn a furrow, drop your potatoes therein and turn a good sod covering over them. When the third furrow is turned drop another row of seed and so on until the piece is planted. When the potatoes commence coming up put a harrow on and give the ground a good harrowing. In this two or three times and you will be surprised at their marvelous growth. The sod ground gives moisture to the seed, at which it stands in need. Do not kill too much as that has a tendency to cause the ground to dry and the seed being planted in gives the potatoes sufficient depth. You will be surprised and might report for your trouble.

SMETHPORT'S SACRIFICE.

PRIVATE E. M. KERNS, Co. C, 16th Regt., Penn'a Vols.

OUR DEAD HERO.

E. M. Kerns Dies in a Distant Land While in the Service of His Country.

A deep feeling of sadness pervaded the entire community on Monday, when a confirmation of the rumor of the death and burial of E. M. Kerns at Coamo, Porto Rico, reached Smethport. His death was due to fever and occurred at the regimental hospital in Coamo on the evening of August 30. A letter from H. C. Sasse, dated Aug. 30, stated that Ervin, as he was familiarly called, was seriously ill, but the news of his death following so closely upon this advice came as a severe shock to his legion of friends in this vicinity.

E. M. Kerns enlisted in Co. C, 16th Regt., P. V. I., and left for the front on Sunday, May 8, in the best of health and spirits—the first Smethport boy to shoulder a musket in the defence of his country. Far from home and kindred, in a foreign land, he yielded up his life for that country and filled an honored soldier's grave. His courage and devotion to his country's cause will live long in the memory of his friends and comrades.

Ervin Morton Kerns was born at Frankford, Cumberland county, on July 30, 1865, and when four years of age moved with his parents to Smethport, where he had resided up to the time of his enlistment. On November 2, 1887, he was united in marriage to Mary Louise Mason, who survives him. He was quite prominent in politics for several years, serving as postmaster of Smethport during President Harrison's term and for three years acted as clerk to the county commissioners. Deceased was prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of McKean Lodge, No. 288, F. & A. M., Bradford Chapter and Trinity Commandery, and was also a member of Smethport Tent, No. 9, K. O. T. M., and of Smethport Hose Co. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerns, one sister, Miss Bertha, all of this place, and one brother, Elmer E., of Bradford, are left to mourn the loss of a dutiful son and devoted brother.

The following account of the funeral is taken from a letter of Sergeant J. F. Robinson in the Bradford Record:

Company C suffered its first loss by death in camp to-day and the spirits of the boys are greatly depressed in consequence of the sad event. Private Ervin Kerns died at an early hour this morning of fever after a two weeks' illness. Kerns was a highly respected resident of Smethport and joined the Sixteenth regiment at Mt. Gretna, coming there with the recruits brought from Bradford by Lieutenant Savard. During the past three weeks he had complained of feeling unwell, but had refused medical attention until his condition absolutely demanded overlooking his wishes. He gradually weakened day by day until the end came, which was a peaceful one, and Ervin Kerns, one of the most popular and efficient members of the company, passed into that long dreamless sleep which knows no awakening this side of the great divide.

Owing to the intense heat and other climatic conditions, the remains could not be held in state but a few hours, and arrangements for the obsequies were made immediately. The services of the Third Wisconsin band were secured and one of the army wagons was utilized as a hearse. Proceeding to the mission hospital where the remains of the late comrade were lying in state the military cortege began its journey to the hastily selected cemetery in the following order:

Chaplain Lamson, Third Wisconsin Band; pall bearers, Charles Connelly, Robert Cushmore, Hank Hockenberry, Rudolph Sasse, Claude DeFrees and W. E. Scott; army guard, and firing squad, Sergeant Robinson, Privates George Bateman, James Reardon, F. C. Randall, W. C. Miller, Fred Ostrum, Walter Dunham; Captain Perry and Company C in fatigue.

In passing brigade and division headquarters the deceased had the unusual honor of having the main flag lowered to half mast by General Ernst, owing to his high standing in Masonic circles, he having been a grand officer some time ago.

The procession at the grave was impressive, including the military service and Masonic observance at these sad functions. The body is interred on the battlefield at a point near where Kerns participated on the fight.

Captain Perry has made arrangements to have a granite headstone placed over the remains and a map of the grave and its surroundings will be made and forwarded to relatives of the deceased in America, so that in case the remains are to be disinterred and sent home, no difficulty will be experienced in locating the present resting place of him who gave his life in his country's service.

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Anniversary Services, St. Luke's Church.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, the sixth anniversary of the consecration of St. Luke's church was observed by a series of very interesting services.

The Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburg, Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, S. T. D., arrived in our town on Tuesday afternoon, and at the evening service of Tuesday administered confirmation to a class of seventeen. Fourteen clergymen of the Northern Convocation were present, all vested and seated in the chancel, viz: Messrs. Spalding and Montgomery of Erie City, of Miles Grove, Gilchrist of North East, Taylor of Warren, Rogers of Ridgway, Robertson of Emporium, Taylor of Kane, Kieffer of Bradford, Henderson of Clearfield, MacLaughlin of Johnsonburg, Prescott of Eldred, with Dr. Dickerson of New York and the Rector of St. Luke's.

A large number of communicants were present at 7 a. m. on Wednesday and at 10:30 a. m. there was a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with the Bishop as Celebrant, who made an address on the subject of "Worship in the Beauty of Holiness." At 12 m. the Litany was read after which a well-written Exegesis of S. John VI was given by Rev. Mr. Robertson, followed by short addresses by several of the clergy. At 3:30 p. m. a remarkably fine essay was read by Mr. Taylor of Warren, on "The First Principles of the Gospel," and at 4:30 p. m. Mr. Hammond of Pittsburg gave a very interesting talk on the Church Army Work as conducted in Pittsburg. At 8 p. m. there was a choral service and two stirring speeches by Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Spalding on "The Christian Man's Duty to Society."

The last service was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7 a. m. on Thursday.

The Bishop and clergy with the vestry were entertained at luncheon at the hotel on Wednesday, and the ladies of the parish made every provision for the comfort of visiting Priests.

Much astonishment and pleasure were expressed by the visitors at the music rendered by St. Luke's choir at the various services. This choir has never been in better condition than during the present summer and has reached a point of excellence surpassed by few choirs anywhere.

Well Pleased.

Sam Powell of Smethport, whose home is in this city, said to a Star reporter yesterday that the new glass works at Smethport was to be one of the best and biggest concerns of the kind in the country. It is to be run on the profit-sharing plan and will give work to 20 blowers and account for 50 supernumeraries. The blowers have a capacity for 24 blowers. The "master workman" will be Mr. Lewis, formerly of this city and a partner in the old firm of Taylor, Lewis & Savage. The best glass cutter is another Mr. Lewis, who occupied the same position in the works of the above named firm in this city, while the president of the company is Mr. George Camp, also formerly connected with the firm of Taylor, Lewis & Savage. The Board of Trade of Smethport gave the company $8,000 and several acres of ground and a large amount of land on which are said to be deposits of the best sand rock for glass making that Camp has ever run across. Powell is very enthusiastic over the future of the company and the works and he believes he has a good thing to stick to.—Star.

Report.

Following is the report of the Smethport Butter & Cheese Co., Limited, for the month of August:

Milk received from all patrons.	74,021 lbs
Butter manufactured thereon.	2,962 lbs
Average yield of butterfat.	4.0 lbs
Number cows delivering milk.	230
Number of cows milked and sold for.	6
Price paid for butterfat per lb.	18½ cts
Amount received for butterfat.	$548 01
Average price of butterfat during month.	17½

From a Methodist Preacher.

Clay City, Ind., Jan. 12, 1897

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Gentlemen:—It affords me great pleasure to speak in praise of your most excellent medicine. I have suffered quite a great deal from sick headache, the result of sedentary habits and sluggish liver and bowels. Your remedy corrected these troubles and my headaches are stopped. J. C. Noble, pastor M. E. church. A. E. Armstrong & Co.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Alexander [illegible] Kane yesterday.

Mrs. Mary [illegible] visited Bradford Tuesday.

Sam Powell visited Hazelhurst and Kane Monday.

Frank McFarlin of Eldred was serving as a juror this week.

A. A. Crawford, Bradford, attended court yesterday.

Robert King arrived home from Buffalo Wednesday.

L. Bayer of Clermont was of served on our streets Tuesday.

J. W. Bouton was in Port Allegany Saturday on business.

Sheriff J. F. Davis transacted business in Gardeau yesterday.

Miss Maud Shoemaker departed for New York city last Tuesday.

Miss Mae Stewart of Ridgway visited relatives in town this week.

C. R. Gallup of Mt. Jewett was in attendance at court this week.

Geo. Squires of Larabee was greeting friends in town Tuesday.

Squire Nash of Rixford was greeting old friends in town Tuesday.

F. S. Tuttle of Coryville was a most agreeable caller last Saturday.

John Lyman of Roulette was greeting old friends in town last Tuesday.

Chas. Luther, the popular foundry man of Olean, was in town yesterday.

Capt. E. R. Hayo returned Saturday from a business trip to Lock Haven.

J. F. Keating of Clermont was viewing the sights of the town yesterday.

Judge A. G. Olmsted of Coudersport came over Monday to attend civil court.

Miss M. E. Sartwell returned to her home in Cleveland Wednesday morning.

Attorney W. J. Milliken of Bradford was a welcome caller at this office Tuesday.

R. C. Gallup of Port Allegany was transacting business in town on Tuesday last.

Mrs. F. E. Rowley and Miss Belle Lillibridge were visitors in town Wednesday.

Rev. Ward Burrows of Colegrove was a pleasant caller at this office on Friday last.

Fred Rowley of Port Allegany was in town this week looking after his political fences.

A. N. and M. A. Lillibridge were over from Port Allegany Monday attending court.

Miss Mary Simpson returned last Saturday and resumed her duties as nurse to Mrs. Tayler.

Jno. O. Sonberg of Bradford was a most welcome caller at the MINER office on Monday.

W. R. Rixford of Rixford kindly remembered the MINER office Tuesday while in town.

The brevet editor of the Kettle Creek Weekly Whangdoodle visited Bradford this week.

Mrs. W. D. Butterworth of Coudersport was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lindsley Sunday.

Scott Reidfield leaves next Monday for Geneva, N. Y., where he will enter Hobart college.

Miss Bessie Shook departed for Washington, D. C., yesterday to resume her duties there as teacher.

Mrs. Lulu Snyder of Binghamton has been the guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. F. Harry Chase.

Hon. T. A. Morrison and District Attorney Sheridan Gorton transacted business in Bradford Saturday.

P. B. Anderson came down from Kane Wednesday to see that matters were properly conducted at the hub.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Brennan and son of Mt. Jewett were guests of J. W. Brennan and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Squires of Eldred were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eastman of King street last Sunday.

Mrs. John M. Butler and daughter, Miss Lucie, were guests of Leon Hegarth and wife Saturday and Sunday.

M. J. Healey, the hustling business man from Hazelhurst, came to town Wednesday and proceeded to Bradford.

Commissioners W. A. Young, Lemuel Davis and T. F. Hungerville were in Port Allegany Saturday on bridge business.

Mrs. C. D. Comes and daughter, Mrs. Edda Chase, left Tuesday for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Michigan.

Hon. C. W. Stone of Warren and Hon. R. B. Stone of Bradford were most agreeable and welcome callers at this office last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. D. Gallup, accompanied her daughter, Miss Rena, to Frechonia on Tuesday, where that young lady will resume her studies.

Mrs. T. L. Sartwell and Miss Maude Sloan of Eldred were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Sartwell this week, returning home yesterday.

C. S. King and daughter, Miss Rose, Leopold Appert and Leon Schuelen, all of Port Allegany, were guests at the Grand Central Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Moorehouse, Mrs. Isabelle Todd and Miss Clara Ellery enjoyed a most delightful drive to Bradford Tuesday via Farmers Valley, returning via Sunnyside.

Jacob Failing of Sharon Center, Potter county, executor of the estate of William Risford, was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Tuesday. Mr. Failing is an old friend of ye editor.

C. H. Lavers of Bradford was a guest at the Wright House Monday. It was interesting to listen to Mr. Lavers and Comrade Wright tell of those heroic exploits on Virginia soil in the sixties.

Pitcher H. E. Tell, Third Baseman "Babe" Sasse and Catcher Kinsel came down from Kane Wednesday night and went to Shinglville yesterday to assist "Pink" King in a game of base ball.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McKean of St. George, Canada, have been here on a visit for several days to his uncles, James and Charles McKean. They departed for home Tuesday, after having had a most enjoyable visit.

The following Duke Centerites were in attendance at court this week: F. M. Adams, J. E. Baldwin, Geo. Fisher, J. M. Flynn, Leroy Mitchell, Isaac Slike, Frank Lovejoy, Z. Wilson, P. L. Golden, W. L. Russell.

Farmer C. A. Stebbins of Coudersport was in town last Friday night. Charley, among his other accomplishments, is developing that of modesty to a remarkable degree. He evidently is traveling incognito, as he did not register.

Private Frank S. Beckus of the 43d Separate Co., N. Y., Vols., arrived home Wednesday night and has been heartily greeted by his many friends. "Cap," although a trifle thin, is well learned, in good spirits and is the picture of health.

Supt Samuel Tappan and August Boulanger of Hazelhurst were guests at the Grand Central Sunday and when seated at the dinner table Mr. Tappan, who, by the way, is a practical joker and never lets an opportunity go by where there is a chance for a little fun, gave his order to the waitress and said, "this is for two orders as my friend, Mr Boulanger, here is deaf and dumb and I order for him." The girl went away while the Frenchman sat staring at Mr. Tappan, not knowing what to make of the situation. Everything passed along all right until the order for dessert came, when the same performance was gone over, but this was more than Mr. Boulanger could stand, and he blurted out, much to the girl's amusement, "What for ze do zat?" This set all at the table off in a roar. There is one thing certain, Mr. Tappan will find it necessary to be on his guard or the Frenchman will get even.

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Miss Bella Otto returned from Olean Friday evening accompanied by her cousin, Miss Alta Otto.

Our school seems progressing finely under the management of Miss Winnie Reeder of Farmers Valley.

Mrs. M. H. Taylor of Mt. Alton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Windsor, of this place.

Sylvester Lamphier of Eldred passed through town Wednesday, enroute for Mt. Alton.

Chas. Griffith, a former Larabee boy, but now of Westons, N. Y., was in town Tuesday.

D. L. Robbins of Eldred passed through town Tuesday, enroute for the county seat.

Ernest Rice departed for Bolivar Tuesday where he expects to remain for some time.

Geo. Squires of the Chadwick House transacted business in Smethport Tuesday.

Miss Angie Whitney of Turtle Point was a guest of Mrs. F. C. Crandall Tuesday.

Miss Julia Phalin of Whittens, Ohio, was in town Saturday.

Timothy Lamphier of Eldred was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Green came up from East Aurora, N. Y., Monday.

Ray Brooder of Bartwell was in town Wednesday.

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Executor's Notice.

Letters testamentary in the Estate of Wm. Risford, late of Otto township, McKean county, Pa., deceased, having been issued to the undersigned executor, all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment and those having claims against the same to present them for payment, duly authenticated.

JACOB FAILING,
Executor of the Estate of
Wm. Risford, deceased.

Sharon Center, Pa., Sept. 12, 1898.—6t

Notice to Contractors.

The School Directors of Keating Township will receive bids until Saturday, September 17, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the building of a school house at Duels.

Plans and specifications may be seen at W. D. Gaffney's store, Smethport, Pa. Directors reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

JAMES QUINN, Sec'y.

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We make our Fall Announcement with feelings of deep gratitude to our friends for their liberal patronage during the past season. We open the Fall Season with the

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We shall continue to furnish our customers with the best results of the tailoring art, while our HATS AND FURNISHINGS are the product of the best makers.

We now extend to you, readers, a hearty invitation and a warm welcome to our store. Our invitation is

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Our clothing and prices will talk for themselves. When you want a

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Because U can always xchange or get your money back if U wish.

Becaus U can purchas goods from 10 to 50 per cent. cheaper than elsewhere. Let us C. Beginning with horse goods, U pay 10c for hame & tug staples, Racket price 5c; tug cockeyes, our price 5c; snaps, 2 to 5c; hame straps, 12c; sweat pads, 24 to 45c.

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Good overalls 38c pair while they last.

Glass tumblers 2c each, sauce sets 20c, 6 small and 1 large dish, 2 qt glass pitchers 10c. Remember we carry a full line in china goods, both plain and decorated. A 46-piece dec. dinner set $3.00. Cold weather is coming. U should C our underwear B 4 purchasing, as we can & will save U money on same.

Try Scouller's best flour at $1.25 per sack. Don't pay $1.50 for other best grades.

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Sprague Block. Smethport, Penn'a.

WAS JUST A FRIEND.

For years I had known her. Years? Yes, alas, my childhood. Playmates we had been, fellow-students, chums friends. As I watched her developing from unsophisticated youth to a beautiful, loved womanhood I trembled, lest in the picture I knew she portrayed of future perfect happiness I should be missing.

She was not a beauty as the world names them, but the kindly smile and rare character her face reflected were more beautiful to me than perfect features. But her voice; what a voice it was! A clear, rich contralto, aided by perfect execution born of deep feeling and power of interpretation. She held a position in one of the leading churches in B——, and there, I confess, I was wont to find the sermon more interesting than at my home church.

One bright moonlight Sabbath, as we strolled home from evening service, she said:

"How well Mr. Bradley sang to-night! What a beautiful voice he has, Ralph!"

Strange to say, I had been thinking how well her voice and his blended; feeling I had answered she continued:

"He is so pleasant, too. We should miss him more than any of the others in the quartet if he should leave us."

"Yes, Elsie, he is a royal fellow. But will you go with me Tuesday to hear Gilmore? His voice is better."

"I am sorry, Ralph, but Mr. S. May asked me to accompany him that evening and I consented."

"Very well; he sings again Thursday; try you go then," and so it was settled.

The lecture also resulted, and as we entered I thought I had never seen her looking so well. Her eyes were bright and sparkling, and the cold, crisp air had brought a rich damask pink to her usual choice. Removing her outer garments in the hall, she started forward toward the center of the parlor, and as she did so I stepped her, and clasping my arm about her, bent, and, as she could interpret my intention, I kissed her. Tearing herself away, her face ablaze, she cried in a voice of deep anger: "Ralph Moreland, how dare you—how dare you insult me!" while I, all the bolder because of her anger, started forward, and possessing myself of both her hands, said:

"Elsie, angry with me, no"—as she tried to free herself—"you shall listen angry with one who loves you better than his life, yes, better than all the world, besides, and whose one ambition is to make you his wife!"

With a low cry of anguish she started back. I released her then.

"Oh, Ralph," she said, "I never thought you would do this. I thought we were two good friends." Two great tears started and coursed down her cheeks, now pale as death.

"Elsie, my darling girl, don't you love me?"

"Love you!" she reiterated; "love you; when have I not loved you; but not like that, Ralph; not like that; I could never be your wife."

In vain I pleaded, then a disagreeable thought forced itself upon me. Framing it in words, I said softly:

"Elsie, is there some one else?"

Trembling, she stood there in the semi-darkness. I could see how agitated she was as I caught the faint whisper, "Yes."

Then, indeed, hope died within me, and she continued: "Ralph, dear friend, forget this. Let us be as we always have been, true friends. Don't," she pleaded, "let this spoil our friendship."

"It shall be as you desire; but, Elsie, is there no hope for me. What of this other?"

"Your Ralph, Arno. This other does not seem strange that I care for him; how could I help him as I do, it would be wrong for me to consent to be your wife. Please leave me now; you have surprised me so."

And I went—alone with my grief—knowing and praying that God would not let her wait long or in vain for her true love to be rewarded and returned.

Two days passed and the play was nearly over in the L—— opera house, when suddenly the cry of "fire" rang through the auditorium, caught up and reechoed by the terror-stricken people. There in the first balcony were Paul Bradley and Elsie Mordant. I watched them both as the people thronged the narrow passageways. They had not, I felt sure, seen me, and I resolved to remain close at hand, and if necessary aid them. He made her wait until the crowd was nearly out; then they started. They were within a few steps of the door when, as though to add to the panic, the lights were turned off. I started forward.

"Elsie," I heard him say, "are you afraid? Will you trust yourself to me?"

"I am not afraid while with you, Paul," was the soft reply, made with unique calmness.

"You are quite sure," he questioned, looking her and giving her a quick, searching look.

"Is there any danger that we can not get out?" she queried.

"I think not. You will trust me completely; let me be your protector now"—she nodded as there came a whispered "yes"—"now and always, Elsie?"

"Yes, Paul," she answered, and, sinking her gently, he bore her down the stairway.

I had heard all, and I knew then why she had not loved me.

They are married now, and I—I am still "Our friend."—Boston Post.

Mrs. Stubbins (seductively)—I wonder why men never pays his wife any compliments after they are married? Mr. Stubbins (gladly)—He does better, my dear; he pays her bills.

The Washington zoology of New York is going to establish what will probably be the finest zoological garden in the world in Bronx Park, New York. The military reserve to open the garden in the spring in a subsidiary way on May 1 next. While the work is progressing with all due rapidity, the old and well appointed rules of collecting wild game and compelling them through the beneficent agency of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters their general acceptance. This excellent tonic-like specific is a safeguard against malaria and rheumatism, and removes indigestion and constipation. It invigorates the system through improved digestion, fortifies it against disease, and counteracts the ill-effects of overwork, mental or physical

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Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure. This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it, almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa

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SURSUM CORDA!

The ceremonies were over, the flowers were fading, and Decoration Day was drawing to a close. The crowd which had thronged the paths of the National Cemetery were fast disappearing, and the train just leaving the little station was filled to its utmost capacity.

In one of the cars an elderly man of imposing presence, wearing the uniform and badge of the Grand Army, and a young army officer, whose face was a youthful counterpart of the other's, sat side by side.

But before the train pulled out a woman passed down the aisle. The worn face gave patriotic evidence of past beauty, and the rusty garments of bygone elegance, while the tiny empty basket she carried proclaimed her account-related errand. She glanced wistfully from side to side, but every seat was occupied. The young officer rose and with a bow proffered his own.

She gave him a grateful glance and a gentle "Thank you!" as she slipped into the vacated place.

The girl then proceeded at her casualty. Then more leisurely, and finally, leaning toward her, said in a low tone, "Mother?"

The woman started and half rose from her seat. "John, is it really you?" she asked. They stood at each other in silence, shocked at the changes time had wrought.

"I thought you were dead—at Wilson's Creek," they told him.

"I left part there," replied the man, glancing down at his empty sleeve. She shrank back a little, noticing it for the first time, and her eyes grew wide and dark.

"It seems but yesterday," she said; "the longing and suspense and pain—"

"And yet you could send me away."

"Ah, I was angry! You were on the wrong side—"

"The other side," he corrected her, with a faint smile. She acknowledged the correction with a smile still fainter.

"The winning side—and my heart was sore; but I thought it would break, after a while."

"Yes, yes, I know!" he sighed.

"I have scattered my roses every year, thinking that some might fall on your resting place. In those old days when life was hard to bear it eased the pain to think so."

"And now?"

"And now," she continued, with a tremulous smile on the faded face that unconsciously belied her words, "now the pain and anger are gone, with the love that gave them birth. There remains only rest."

Suddenly she leaned forward with tense features and parted lips. The young officer was coming down the aisle. Something in the swinging step, the carriage of the shoulders, and the handsome boyish face, stirred her heart.

"Almost home, father," he called cheerfully.

There was a trace of awkwardness and embarrassment in the elder man's manner as he turned to his companion. "Allow me to introduce my—my son, Lieutenant Keith." He drew himself up and squared his shoulders, all embarrassment gone in fatherly pride. "Jack, Miss Moreland is a very old friend."

She looked up into the smiling face bending over her, and her words came slowly: "I used to know your father when he was not much your age. You are very like him, very like."

The ladies of the city were all around them, the train was slowing up, and people were gathering up their wraps and bundles. Turning to the elder man with sudden resolution, "I am going back to my old home to-morrow," she said, lingering on the words with tender meaning. "It is not likely that we shall meet again. Let me wish you good by now, and God bless you, and yours."

For a moment their hands were clasped, then she passed through the crowd and was lost to sight.

"Who is the old party, father?" inquired of the young officer curiously.

"Oh," the father, himself with a deep sigh, "well I suppose she is old; but when I knew her in Kentucky she was the belle of two counties!"

Through the crowded station a woman made her way. "It is wrong, wicked," she murmured and her eyes grew dim; "but I think yes; I almost wish that he had died instead!"

—N. L. Pritchard, in Munsey's.

The life of a Panama hat, that is, if it is allowed one to start with," explained a Fall dealer to a reporter, "compares somewhat with the owner of it. One can run through either in a hurry or look on for a long time if it is desired. If carefully kept a Panama hat should last all the way from ten to forty years. I know a gentleman who resides in East Washington who has owned and steadily worn during the summer months a Panama hat for nearly forty years. It has been bleached every couple of years since and re-trimmed and relined, and it is to-day to all intents and purposes as good as when I first saw it thirty years ago. I know of another Panama now worn by a physician of this city, which has had almost as long a life. Long before he got it his father wore it. I know dozens of them which have been in use from ten to twenty years. The lining wears out, but the body of the hat keeps good. Of course, care has to be used to keep them such a long time, but the Panama itself is almost indestructible. The original cost of the hats that I refer to was not exorbitant, none of them costing over $10."

Hutchins's Arabian Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

English capsule Liniment removes all pain, cold or enlargement from joints and muscles. Cures lame back, blood spavin, curb, splint, ringbone, sweeny, stifle joint, all wire cuts and scratches. Cures all diseases of cattle. Warranted the greatest veterinary remedy ever discovered. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co., Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Dr. Miles' Worth Head Salve has the large at sale of any salve in the world. This fact and its merits has led dishonest people to attempt to counterfeit it. Look out for the man who attempts to deceive you when you call for Dr. Miles' Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A Sure Thing for You.

If a medicine is what you need how is a pure thing, Ladies, does that headache, burning tongue, fever, pains and aches and miseries are caused by constipation and Simpson liver. If so Carter's Little Liver Pills are the wonderful new vegetable and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. Try a dose to-day. Price 25 cents. Send for free sample and booklet. All druggists.

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Clean blood means a clear skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by curing up the poisons and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day. Cascarets, 10c, 25c, 50c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money. Sold by druggists everywhere. Genuine made only by Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

A New Move.

"Hello, Billy!" "Hello, Yes, I'm Kunnel William Mugg, fighter of three cowardly strikes!"

Mr. Hoppel of Frog Hollow.

Mr. Hiram Hoppel, of Frog Hollow, had finished his business in the city and was slowly drifting along with the tide of humanity toward the Pennsylvania Railroad ferry, when his attention was suddenly attracted by a sign on a building he was passing.

This is what he read:

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WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.

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A smile of satisfaction flashed up his countenance as he turned aside and entered the building.

A ridiculously sharp-featured lady in eyeglasses came forward and bowed to him as he stepped up to the counter, and after carefully looking her over he said:

"Excuse me, madam, but are you the only one they've got on hand at present?"

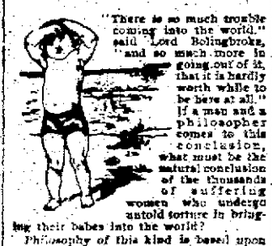
"The only one on hand! What do you mean?" was the puzzled reply.

"The only woman, of course. I hain't got Hannar along with me to-day, but I noticed that this was a woman's exchange, an' I thought I'd drop in an' look over what you had on hand, an' if I liked the looks of any of 'em I'd bring the old woman in the next time I come to the city an' make a trade."

Gently but firmly the woman in charge explained the mistake to him, and Mr. Hiram Hoppelt, of Frog Hollow, resumed his homeward journey a crestfallen and bitterly disappointed man.

Horses With Crimson Tails.

The long tails of the Shah of Persia's horses are dyed crimson for six inches at their tips—a jealously guarded privilege of the ruler and his sons.



"There is so much trouble coming into the world," said Grandma Gallagher, "and so much more in going out of it, that it is hardly worth while to be here at all." If a man and a philosopher comes to this conclusion, what must be the natural conclusion of the thousands of suffering women who undergo untold torture in bringing their babes into the world?

Philosophy of this kind is based upon gross ignorance. The fact is, that there is no necessity for the severe pangs undergone by the average woman. If a woman is strong and healthy in a womanly way, motherhood means to her but little suffering. The trouble lies in the fact that the majority of women suffer from weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organism and are unfitted for motherhood. This can always be remedied. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a sure, speedy and permanent cure for all disorders of this description. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned, making them healthy, strong, vigorous, virile and elastic. It banishes the indispositions of the period of expectancy and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. It quickens and vitalizes the feminine organs, and insures a healthy and robust baby. Thousands of women have testified to its marvelous merits. Honest druggists do not offer substitutes, and urge them upon you as "just as good."

"I suffered fourteen years," writes Mrs. Mary J. Stewart of Box 46, Saratoga, Santa Clara Co., Cal., with female weakness, nervousness and general debility. I tried everything to no avail. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery' cured me."

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SMETHPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad. Time Table taken effect Monday June 13, 1898.

Ar.	Sta.	Lv.
A.M.	STATIONS.	A.M. P.M. A.M.
8.15	7.10	7.40 Ulysses 2.32 4.30 10.05
8.31	7.26	7.56 Crowell 2.41 4.39 10.15
8.38		8.05 Carpenter 2.44 10.18
8.45		8.12 Hutchins 2.44 10.21
8.55	7.50	8.30 North Jackson 2.46 10.25
7.55	8.34	8.45 Newkirk 3.01 4.50 10.30
7.40	8.49	9.00 Hayfield 3.15 5.05 10.45
7.30	6.30	9.05 Seven Bridges 3.11 5.15 11.55
7.15	6.05	9.21 Coleburg 3.14 5.11 11.0
6.50		9.40 Port Allegany 3.20 5.20 11.20
6.45	8.35	9.00 Shinglehouse 4.10 6.00 12.30
4.30	7.05	12.53 Coudersport 4.47 7.00 12.20
		12.30 Hammond
1.45	7.15	12.40 Olmsted 6.05 6.00 7.05
3.05	7.40	12.10 Mina 6.30 6.10 7.35
2.10		12.35 Knowlton 8.15
2.40	8.10	12.00 Roulette 6.00 6.25 7.15
3.00	7.20	11.25 Burtville 6.00 6.50 7.40
3.21		12.15 Coleman 8.30
2.30		Chemical Works
4.15	2.10	12.10 Port Allegany 8.45 6.40 2.30
P.M.	P.M.	P.M. Lv. Ar. A.M. P.M. P.M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

Time table in effect at 9 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 8, 1897.

South.	Stations	North.
3:20	Clermont	1:45
3:29	Chatham	1:40
3:36	Wilcoxville	1:13
3:50	North York	1:00
3:53	Key York	12:55
3:58	Gray Gables	12:50
3:30	Ar. St. Marys Lv.	12:35
3:26	Kane	10:35
3:15	Johnsonburg	10:25
3:05	Ridgway	10:05
2:50	Glen Hazel	9:50
2:40	Straight	9:40
2:30	Instanter	9:30
2:20	Smith's Run	9:20
2:10	Woodvale	9:10
2:00	Clermont	9:00

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 1:45 a. m. for Emporium and Renovo points, arriving at Kane at 10:35 a. m. and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 7:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. J. H. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway.

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LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST-BOUND.

8.10 a. m.—Buffalo Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, Leroy and Rochester.

1.05 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, Leroy and Rochester.

4.25 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Salamanca, Carrollton, Callaneta, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

2.27 a.m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

1.41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

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A CRITICAL TIME

DURING THE BATTLE OF SANTIAGO.

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P. E. Burke of peach-fruit No. 3, writing from Santiago de Cuba, on July 23d, says: "We all had diarrhœa in more or less violent form, and when we landed we had no time to see a doctor, for it was a case of rush and rush night and day to keep the troops supplied with ammunition and rations, but thanks to Pemberton's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy we are able to keep at work and keep our health; in fact, I sincerely believe that at one-fifth of the time this disease was the indirect cause of our army, for if the packers had been unable to work there would have been a delay in getting supplies to the front. There were no doctors in a position that could give me anything to relieve me, so I had to rely on my own resources, and I am the good fortune to buy in a supply of this medicine for our packers before we left Tampa, and I know of four cases it unquestionably saved life."

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Lot No. 3, in Square No. 86 on Main street, between the properties of D. L. Forsyth and Dr. F. C. Pierce.

Lots Nos. 2, 3 and 4 in Square No. 87, on Main street between Pike and Allegany streets.

Lots Nos. 3 and 7 in Square No. 67, adjoining on the west the property of W. H. Knight.

Lots Nos. 7 and 8 in Square No. 86, and 6, 7 and 8 in Square No. 87 on Water street, opposite the Camp glass works.

Lots Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Square No. 45, lots Nos. 6 and 7 in Square No. 46, lots Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Square No. 47, and lots Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Square No. 38, all on King street.

Five lots in the outlot on lower Main street, known as the McDonald lot. These lots are 68 feet wide by 300 feet deep.

For prices and terms of sale inquire of

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Smethport, June 23, 1898.

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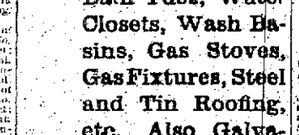

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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION.

TABLE IN EFFECT SEPT. 25, 1898.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8.05 a. m.—Train 3, week days, for Williamsport, Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Philadelphia (4.10 p. m.), New York (9.50 p. m.), Baltimore (4.00 p. m.), Washington (5.30 p. m.). Pullman Parlor and Passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Washington; Buffalo to Baltimore and Washington.

8.05 a. m.—Train 5, week days, for Lock Haven, Williamsport, Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Philadelphia (4.10 p. m.), New York (9.50 p. m.), Baltimore (4.00 p. m.), Washington (5.30 p. m.). Pullman Parlor and Passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Washington; Buffalo to Baltimore and Washington. Passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m.

9.30 p. m.—Train 9, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Philadelphia (6.05 a. m.), New York (11.50 a. m.), Washington (8.30 a. m.), Baltimore (7.30 a. m.). Pullman sleeping cars from Kane and Williamsport to Philadelphia and New York. Passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m.

9.30 p. m.—Train 11, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Philadelphia, 6.05 a. m., New York 11.50 a. m., Washington 8.30 a. m., Baltimore 7.30 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Kane and Williamsport to Philadelphia and New York. Passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m.

2.27 a.m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

1.41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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Condensed time table in effect June 6, 1898.

Read up.		Read down.
A.M.	P.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.
8.55	5.38 12.25	ar Keating Stby lv 12.40
8.10	5.00 12.00	" Austin " 12.00
	7.00 11.52	" Costello " 11.52
	6.46 11.41	" Wharton " 11.41
	6.40 10.57	" Cross Fork Jct " 11.34
	6.31 10.49	" Cross Fork " 11.25
	6.20 10.38	" Germania " 11.15
	8.13 10.12	lv Galeton ar 9.54
P.M.	A.M.	
7.10	12.55 10.00	ar Galeton lv 8.58
6.55	12.41 9.42	" Gaines " 8.43
6.50	12.37 9.37	" Schencville " 8.37
6.40	12.06 8.52	" Whitehill " 8.07
6.05	11.50 8.30	" Knoxville " 7.45
5.55	11.40 8.05	" Osceola " 7.25
5.31	11.31 7.55	" Elkland " 7.15
5.15	11.05 7.15	lv Addison ar 10.34
P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
		Connections.
P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
6.10	10.10 ar	Galeton lv 8.58
4.51	9.41	Walton " 8.32
4.27	9.17	Newfield Jct. " 8.08
4.06	8.56	West Bingham " 7.47
3.58	8.48	Ceres " 7.39
3.33	8.43	Shongo " 7.34
3.30	8.20 lv	Wellsville ar 8.05
P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
4.40	10.10 ar	Galeton lv 8.58
4.20	9.58	Gaines " 8.47
3.50	9.38 lv	Ansonia ar 9.08
P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
7.00	12.45	Cross Fork Jct lv 12.00
6.00	9.30 lv	Cross Fork ar 12.00

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Time Table taking Effect June 5th, 1898.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8.20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby, Port Allegany, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & E. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10.00 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby, Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

3.05 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby, Port Allegany, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Ridgway, Brockwayville, Punxsutawney, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia; also connects with Erie R. R. for Emporium, Renovo, Belmont, Clearfield, Clarion and New York.

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